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	Examiner Mariceli Santiago	Art Unit 2879

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 October 2003.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 24 January 2002 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

 a) All b) Some * c) None of:

 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

 a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The Amendment, filed on October 9, 2003, has been entered and acknowledged by the Examiner.

Examiner's notes

The recitation "may be located", in claim 1, is considered to indicate a certain measure of likelihood or possibility¹, thus, in the following rejections the recitation is considered to be optional or alternative.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hall et al. (US 5,250,874).

Regarding claim 1, Hall discloses an electric lamp (Fig. 2) provided with a lamp cap (48) suitable for contacting an external contact element, which lamp cap (48) is connected to a lamp vessel (10), and which lamp cap (48) comprises a housing (20) and contact members (54) connected to current conductors (14, Column 3, lines 61-62) of the lamp, characterized in that the contact members (54) each comprise a spring (60), a first contact part (56) and a second contact part (58), which second contact part (58) is connected to the first contact part (56) via the spring (60) for rendering the second contact part (58) displaceable relative to the first

1. <http://dictionary.reference.com>, may aux.v.

contact part (56) in a direction transverse to a mounting direction during contact with the external contact member.

Regarding claim 2, Hall discloses an electric lamp characterized in that the first contact part (56), the second contact part (58) and the spring (60) integrally constitute the contact member (54).

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Preziosi et al. (US 3,859,554).

Regarding claim 1, Preziosi discloses an electric lamp (Fig. 1) provided with a lamp cap (56) suitable for contacting an external contact element (54), which lamp cap (56) is connected to a lamp vessel (16a), and which lamp cap (56) comprises a housing (32a) and contact members (44) connected to current conductors (26a) of the lamp, characterized in that the contact members (44) each comprise a spring (49), a first contact part (48) and a second contact part (50), which second contact part (50) is connected to the first contact part (48) via the spring (49) for rendering the second contact part (50) displaceable relative to the first contact part (48) in a direction transverse to a mounting direction during contact with the external contact member.

Regarding claim 2, Preziosi discloses an electric lamp characterized in that the first contact part (48), the second contact part (50) and the spring (46) integrally constitute the contact member (44).

Regarding claim 3, Preziosi discloses an electric lamp characterized in that the first contact part (48) is provided with a further spring (46) for keeping the first contact (48) positioned against the housing under a comparatively high spring pressure.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hancox (US 4,246,632).

Regarding claim 1, Hancox discloses an electric lamp (Fig. 3) provided with a lamp cap (10) suitable for contacting an external contact element (13), which lamp cap (10) is connected to a lamp vessel (B), and which lamp cap (10) comprises a housing (11) and contact members (22) connected to current conductors of the lamp, characterized in that the contact members (22) each comprise a spring (central portion), a first contact part (portion connected to the bulb) and a second contact part (portion connected to contact 13), which second contact part is connected to the first contact part via the spring for rendering the second contact part displaceable relative to the first contact part in a direction transverse to a mounting direction during contact with the external contact member (Figs. 2 and 3).

Regarding claim 2, Hancox discloses an electric lamp characterized in that the first contact part, the second contact part and the spring integrally constitute the contact member (22).

Regarding claim 4, Hancox discloses an electric lamp characterized in that the second contact part is provided with resilient guiding clamps (23, for engaging contact 26, Column 3, lines 31-59).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed October 9, 2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the prior art of references fail to teach or suggest the limitations "which may be located at different spacings from said lamp" and "to a degree sufficient to accommodate said different spacings at which said external contact element may be located",

however, the Examiner notes that the recitation "may be located" indicates a certain measure of likelihood or possibility¹, thus, the limitation is considered to be optional or alternative.

Accordingly, the claim does not state an essential requirement for the different spacings.

For the reasons presented above, the rejection of claims 1-6 are deemed proper.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mariceli Santiago whose telephone number is (703) 305-1083. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel, can be reached on (703) 305-4794. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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